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From: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MASSMAIL-01/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=ELISABETH.O'BRIEN]
Sent: 2/26/2009 1:58:34 PM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MASSMAIL-01/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=Julianne.Nassif]
Subject: RE: March 30, 2009 Meeting

I'll work on this today.

From: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 5:36 PM
To: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)
Subject: FW: March 30, 2009 Meeting

Betsy,

See note below from Suffolk County. I really don't want to wait until the end of march to resolve this so if we could compile some data from Suffolk

i.e. number of request /month, % of total request, list of most frequent requesters and their numbers, ?

Then I can send that to her before the March 30th meeting and maybe we can reach some resolution.

Thanks,
Julie

From: Miller, Christina (SUF)
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 5:23 PM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: RE: March 30, 2009 Meeting

Thank you, Julie, for forwarding me this information. I have not seen this document, so I will need some time to process and think of the best solution. The issue is that it is different for each district court, and for the superior court, so it may be difficult to have one person manage prioritizing which rush requests should be honored and which ignored. One of my hopes is that when we meet, we can create some procedures that will assist you, and us, in prioritizing cases before the request is even sent. We certainly need to establish how we can have improved lines of communication. I have asked for feedback from the district court supervisors to see where the issues are on our end. I was hoping to share this information when we meet. My hope is that we can create guidelines which will direct our ADAs when, and under what circumstances, to send a rush request.

As I know you know, the district court ADAs get quite a bit of heat, and also have cases dismissed by judges, because of the extended time in producing the drug cert. Judges are becoming less and less patient. I absolutely know that your resources are short and it will get worse before it gets better. I am hoping there is a way we can learn to communicate to the court why the cert times have become longer and what the resource challenges are. There also should be a way to ask for a complaint to be reissued if a case is dismissed once the cert has been issued (if in fact certs are produced after cases are dismissed).

For those district court ADAs who abuse the rush request system, I would be happy to talk to them if I know who they are or what court has the highest number of rush requests. If there is anything I can do between now and then, please let me know.

My best to you,

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From: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 10:57 AM
To: Miller, Christina (SUF)
Subject: RE: March 30, 2009 Meeting

Thanks, Christina. I need your help with something else. In December, I sent a letter to all the District Attorneys requesting a single point of contact for requests involving expedited testing (see attached). I have not yet heard back from your office regarding a POC and as you can imagine, you are our biggest customer in this regard. Can you help to designate someone?

Thanks, Julie Nassif

From: Miller, Christina (SUF) << File: conley.doc >>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 10:09 AM
To: DiLoreto, Karen (SUF); Bowen, Nyca (DPH); Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: March 30, 2009 Meeting

I am writing to confirm the meeting with the DA, the DPH Commissioner, Julie, and myself. It will be held at DPH's building in Jamaica Plain at 3:30 pm on March 30, 2009. I believe we are all confirmed for the meeting.

Thanks to all for your patience and time in scheduling this meeting.

Regards,

Christina Miller

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